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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Takayuki SUGAHARA

Serial No. 09/469,499

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: EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
: RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

: Prior Group Art Unit: 2613

: Prior Examiner Y. Lee

For: REPRODUCTION APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING USER MODIFIABLE PROTECTION OF DATA REPRODUCTION (as amended)

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Dear Sir:

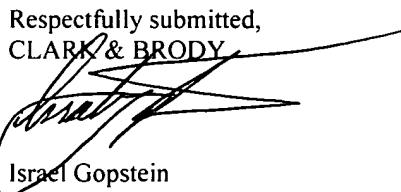
Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment** in the above identified application.

No additional fee is required.
 Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 Also attached:

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	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	25	25	0	x \$ 18 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	5	5	0	x \$ 84 =	\$ 0.00
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Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
Fee for Notice of Appeal					\$0.00
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$0.00

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 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1088, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,
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